

## **Copper King Fire Multi-Jurisdictional Area Closure Order**

The USDA Forest Service, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Sanders County, and Weyerhaeuser jointly restrict public access to lands under their jurisdiction described within this order. The closure cited in this order is to protect the public from potential harm from wildfires and firefighting operations associated with the Copper King Fire.

This closure order is effective upon signing and will remain in effect until rescinded. Periodic assessments will be conducted to evaluate closure needs.

### **USDA Forest Service**

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited as described below within the Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective upon signing and will remain in effect until rescinded.

### **36 CFR – Special Closures**

**It is prohibited to go into or be upon the area (36 CFR 261.53(e)).**

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### **Description of Closed Areas:**

On National Forest System lands, this order closes the following area (see attached map):

- Thompson River drainage (and all tributary drainages south of Bend Historic Ranger Station) including but not limited to:
  - Buckeye Creek and its tributaries
  - Bay State Creek and its tributaries
  - Calico Creek and its tributaries
  - Big Hole Creek and its tributaries
  - West Fork Thompson River and its tributaries
  - Deerhorn and Jungle Creeks and its tributaries
  - Fishtrap Creek and its tributaries
  - Chippy and Bear Creeks and its tributaries
  - Little Thompson River and its tributaries
  - Todd Creek and its tributaries
- Weeksville Creek and its tributaries
- Buffalo Bill Creek and its tributaries
- Smiley Creek and its tributaries

It is prohibited to be on the roads (36 CFR 261.54(e)); trails (36 CFR 261.55(a)) and campgrounds within the closure perimeter.

**Exemptions:** Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

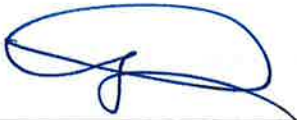
**Penalty:** Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

**Notification:** A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed in 36 CFR 261.51.

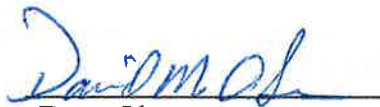
**Sanders County, Montana DNRC, Weyerhaeuser**

Sanders County, Montana DNRC, and Weyerhaeuser close the lands under their jurisdiction within the perimeter identified within this order *except for* privately owned land in the following locations: bordering Hwy 200, Buffalo Bill Creek Area and adjacent to Thompson River Road from Blanchard's Corner to mile marker 3.

Signed in Missoula, Montana, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.



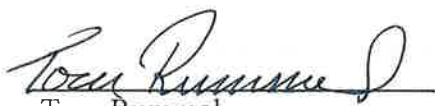
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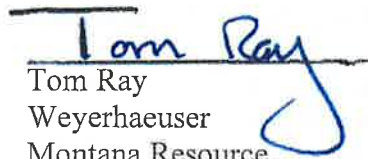
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